

Mark Scheme (Results) Summer 2008

GCSE

GCSE Religious Studies (5588) Paper 1



Unit N (5587/5588) Sikhsim

1(a)	What is haumai?	
Question Number	Answer	Mark
1(a)	Correct answer:	2
	Self centeredness	
	Human centered	
	Partially correct answers could be: • Selfishness	1
	Any alternative wording of the above points is acceptable.	

1(b)		Outline what the Mool Mantra teaches about God.	
Question I	Number	Indicative content	
1(b)		 The main attributes are: He is the Creator. Immanent as well as transcedent; He is personal, (loving and responding to love); He is without fear or enmity; Timeless is His form; He is unincarnate and self-existent; He dispels darkness and ignorance Other approaches are possible and must be marked according to the levels. If you are unsure of the validity of an answer, it must be sent to review.	
Level	Mark	Descriptor	
Level 1	2	any one correct attribute	
Level 2	4	two correct attributes	
Level 3	6	Three correct attributes	

1(c)		Explain why samsara is important for Sikhs.	
Question	Number	ber Indicative content	
Question Number 1(c)		 The main reasons why samsara is important for Sikhs are: Because the goal of human life is to break the cycle of birth and death and merge with God (mukti) Because it explains how the soul lives through many different forms before being born into a human body. Because Sikhs can only reach union with God by following the teachings of the Gurus and meditation on the holy name. Because performing of acts of service and charity are an essential part of being a Sikh. Other approaches are possible and must be marked according to the levels. If you are unsure of the validity of an answer, it must be sent to review. 	
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Level 1	2	one reasonor a description	
Level 2	4	two reasons OP and developed reason	
Level 3	6	 OR one developed reason Three reasons OR one reason and one developed reason OR one fully developed reason 	
Level 4	8	 Four reasons OR two developed reason OR one fully developed reason and one basic reason OR one comprehensive explanation 	

1(d)		'When you're dead, you're dead and that's the end of you.' Do you agree? Give reasons for your opinion, showing you have considered another point of view. In your answer, you should refer to Sikhism.
Question I	Number	Indicative content
1(d)		 Reasons for not supporting this statement could be: Because Sikh beliefs in rebirth. Sikhs believe that union with God is their ultimate goal Reasons for supporting this statement could be: Because a person does not believe in God Answers that do not refer to Sikhism cannot go beyond level 2.
		If you are unsure about the validity of reasons, you must send to review.
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2(a)	Give two names for God used in Sikhism.	
Question Number	Answer	Mark
2(a)	Correct answer: Any TWO of: Waheguru Satnam Akal Purakh	2
	Partially correct answers could be: One of the above names Any alternative wording of the above points is acceptable.	1

2(b)		Outline Sikh beliefs about mukti (liberation).
Question Number Indicative content		Indicative content
2(b)		 The main beliefs are: Mukti is liberation from rebirth Every person will eventually return to God that the soul never dies mukti will be achieved by a combination of good works and acts of religious devotion union with God is the purpose of human existence Other approaches are possible and must be marked according to the levels. If you are unsure of the validity of an answer, it must be sent to review.
Level	Mark	Descriptor
Level 1	2	any one correct belief
Level 2	4	two correct beliefs
Level 3	6	three correct belief

2(c)		Explain why Sikhs reject the caste system (varna).
Question	Number	Indicative content
2(c)		 The main reasons are: The Sikh faith teaches that there are no distinctions between people, in terms of sex, age or social grouping. The varna system was rejected by Guru Nanak Equality is an important part of the Sikh way of life The langar is a very powerful expression of the rejection of the caste system of varna. Other approaches are possible and must be marked according to the levels. If you are unsure of the validity of an answer, it must be sent to review.
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Level 1	2	one reason
Level 2	4	two reasonsOR one developed reason
Level 3	6	Three reasonsOR one reason and one developed reasonOR one fully developed reason
Level 4	8	 Two developed reasons OR one fully developed reason and one basic reason OR one comprehensive explanation

2(d)		'People will always be selfish.'
		Do you agree? Give reasons for your opinion, showing you have
		considered another point of view. In your answer, you should refer to
0 1:		Sikhism.
Question	Number	Indicative content
2(d)		Reasons for supporting this statement could be:
		The idea that some people will never be able to rid themselves of self centredness (manmukh) .
		Because the urge for personal survival is stronger than any religious belief.
		Reasons for not supporting this statement could be:
		Sikhs believe everyone must try to achieve mukti and manmukh is one of the barriers to be overcome.
		Many Sikhs believe greed (lobh) is at the centre of selfishness and should be avoided with acts of charity and service.
		Answers which are not covered by the mark scheme must be sent
		to review.
		If you are unsure about the validity of reasons, you must send to
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		OR showing clearly that they think both points of view are equally valid.

3(a)	Who are the panj piare?	
Question Number	Answer	Mark
3(a)	Correct answer any one of:	2
	The five beloved ones	
	Those first initiated into the khalsa	
	Those who perform the amrit ceremony	
	Partially correct answers could be: • Gurdwara leaders	1
	Any alternative wording of the above points is acceptable.	

3(b)		Describe the main events in the life of Guru Angad.
Question Number		Indicative content
3(b) TI • • • • • • • • •		 The main events are: Guru Nanak judged Lehna to be the best choice to succeed him (the cup incident). Lehna became the second Guru (Guru Angad) Guru Angad invented the present form of the Gurmukhi script. The institution of langar was maintained and developed. Other approaches are possible and must be marked according to the levels. If you are unsure of the validity of an answer, it must be sent to review.
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Level 1	2	any one correct fact.
Level 2	4	two correct facts.OR one fact developed
Level 3	6	 three correct facts. OR two fact s with one fact developed OR one fact fully developed

3(c)		Explain why the Guru Granth Sahib is important for Sikhs.
Question Number Indicative conte		Indicative content
The main reasons are: It guides them through their lives Sikhs see the book as a human religious It tells them all they need to know about The word 'gurdwara' means 'house of to means 'teacher'. The teacher is the Gut It contains the teachings of the ten hum Other approaches are possible and must be levels. If you are unsure of the validitions.		 It guides them through their lives Sikhs see the book as a human religious teacher, or Guru It tells them all they need to know about God The word 'gurdwara' means 'house of the Guru. The word guru means 'teacher'. The teacher is the Guru Granth Sahib
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Level 1	2	One reason identified with an explanation
Level 2	4	two reasons identified with an explanation of eachOR one reason identified with a developed explanation
Level 3	6	 three reasons identified with an explanation of each OR one reason identified with a developed explanation of it. and another reason identified with an explanation OR one reason identified with a fully developed explanation
Level 4	8	 four reasons identified with an explanation of each OR one reason identified with a developed explanation and two other reasons identified with an explanation OR two reasons identified with a developed explanation OR one reasons identified with a comprehensive explanation

3(d)		'The Khalsa should be for men only.' Do you agree? Give reasons for your opinion, showing you have considered another point of view.	
Question N	Number	Indicative content	
3(d)		 Reasons for supporting this statement could be: the panj piare were all men Women are better suited for work in the home and men for religious leadership. Reasons for not supporting this statement could be: Guru Nanak's teaching on equality Guru Gobind Singh saying that women could join the Khalsa Answers which are not covered by the mark scheme must be sent to review. If you are unsure about the validity of reasons, you must send to review. 	
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4(a)	What are the janam sakhis?	
Question Number	Answer	Mark
4(a)	Correct answer:	2
	Life stories of a guru	
	Partially correct answers could be: • Life stories	1
	Any alternative wording of the above points is acceptable.	

4(b)		Outline the contribution of Guru Arjan to Sikhism.
Question Number Indicative content		Indicative content
4(b)		 The main contributions are: A system of voluntary offerings. (Every Sikh was supposed to contribute 10% of his income to the common fund maintained by the Guru). The construction of the temple at Amritsar was started by Guru Arjan. The compilation of the Adi Granth as the sole and authentic scripture of Sikhs. The Guru accepted death by torture and suffered the first great martyrdom. Other approaches are possible and must be marked according to the levels. If you are unsure of the validity of an answer, it must be sent to review.
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Level 1	2	any one correct fact
Level 2	4	two correct factsOR one developed
Level 3	6	 three correct facts OR two facts with one developed OR one fact fully developed

4(c)		Explain why Guru Gobind Singh is important for Sikhs.
Question	Number	Indicative content
4(c)		 The main reasons are: He began the Khalsa (full members of Sikhism) Guru Gobind Singh led the Khalsa in many battles to defend themselves He added to the Adi Granth to create the Guru Granth Sahib Just before he died, he said that the last Guru would be the Sikh holy book (GGS) and would be the Sikhs' only teacher The most important contribution of Guru Gobind Rai Ji to Sikhism was the formal initiation ceremony Other approaches are possible and must be marked according to the levels. If you are unsure of the validity of an answer, it must be sent to review.
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4(d)		'The Guru Granth Sahib is the only guidance a Sikh needs.' Do you agree? Give reasons for your opinion, showing you have considered another point of view.
Question	Number	Indicative content
4(d)		Reasons for supporting this statement could be: It was declared to be the final Guru of the Sikhs The Adi Granth was the first holy book Reasons for not supporting this statement could be Sikhs look to other sources such as the Rahit for guidance Sikhs would look to the gurdwara leaders for guidance If you are unsure about the validity of reasons, you must send to review.
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5(a)	What is Vaisakhi?	
Question Number	Answer	Mark
5(a)	Correct answer: Sikh New Year festival Festival celebrating the founding of the Khalsa	2
	Partially correct answers could be:New YearAny alternative wording of the above points is acceptable.	1

5 (b)		Describe how karah parshad is used in Sikh worship.
Question I	Number	Indicative content
5 (b)		Answers are likely to state: It is prepared from ghee, sugar and flour in a steel bowl A devout Sikh gives a portion to the devotees It is given to everyone present It is received with reverence and eaten in the gudwara It shows that everyone, without distinction, is welcome Other approaches are possible and must be marked according to the levels. If you are unsure of the validity of an answer, it must be sent to review.
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Level 1	2	any one fact
Level 2	4	two correct factsOR one fact developed
Level 3	6	 three correct facts OR two facts with one developed OR one fully developed fact

5(c)		Explain why the langar is important for Sikhs.
Question	Number	Indicative content
5(c)		 The main reasons are: It is an important part of Sikh worship which goes back to the days of Guru Nanak The meal is a symbol of Sikh belief that all people are equal. It demonstrates one of the main attributes of Sikh followers, that of sewa (service) It is given to everyone free because the food is paid for by contributions made at the beginning of the worship service which demonstrates charity. The food is vegetarian so everyone can take part and therefore no one is excluded Other approaches are possible and must be marked according to the levels. If you are unsure of the validity of an answer, it must be sent to review.
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5(d)		'Melas are not really Sikh festivals.' Do you agree?Give reasons for your opinion, showing you have considered another point of view.
Question	Number	Indicative content
5(d)		Reasons for supporting this statement could be: They are primarily Hindu festivals They are primarily social events or fairs Reasons for not supporting this statement could be: They were started by Guru Amar Das They provide an opportunity to learn the history of Sikhism If you are unsure about the validity of reasons, you must send to review.
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6(a)	What is Diwali ?	
Question Number	Answer	Mark
6(a)	Correct answer: • A festival of lights • A festival celebrating the release of Guru Hargobind Partially correct answers could be: • Festival Any alternative wording of the above points is	1
	acceptable.	

6(b)		Outline the main features of the amrit ceremony.	
Question I	Number	Indicative content	
6(b)		 The main features are: It must take place in the presence of the Guru Granth Sahib The panj piare conduct the ceremony Candidates agree to the basic principles of Sikhism Amrit is stirred by each of the 5 panj piare using a khanda (sword) Amrit is sprinkled 5 times into the eyes and hair of those to be initiated The Mool Mantra is recited Future responsibilities are explained Other approaches are possible and must be marked according to the levels. If you are unsure of the validity of an answer, it must be sent to review. 	
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Level 1	2	any one correct fact	
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6(c)		Explain why private worship is important for Sikhs.
Question	Number	Indicative content
6(c)		 Answers are likely to give reasons such as; Private devotion is an important part of a Sikh's attempt to reach mukti (spiritual liberation) It is part of daily life (Sikhs can pray at any place at any time) Private devotion gives a person the chance to meditate on the Attributes of God Morning and evening prayers help to focus the day on God Other approaches are possible and must be marked according to the levels. If you are unsure of the validity of an answer, it must be sent to review.
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6(d)		'You do not need the langar to worship God properly.' Do you agree? Give reasons for your opinion, showing you have considered another point of view.
Question	Number	Indicative content
6(d)		Reasons for not supporting this statement could be: The langar is an essential part of Sikh worship The langar demonstrates equality The langar gives the opportunity to perform sewa (service) Reasons for supporting this statement could be: It no longer has a religious meaning People use the langar as a meal and not worship If you are unsure about the validity of reasons, you must send to review.
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7(a)	What is the sohila?	
Question Number	Answer	Mark
7(a)	Correct answer:	2
	Night prayers	
	Night hymns	
	Partially correct answers could be:	1
	• Prayers	
	Hymns	
	Any alternative wording of the above points is	
	acceptable.	

7(b)		Describe three Sikh symbols.
Question I	Number	Indicative content
7(b)		 Any THREE of; Kesh - uncut hair Kangha - the ritual comb worn in the hair Kara - the steel band worn on the right wrist Kach - the specially designed shorts Kirpan - the ritual sword Nishan Sahib - the Sikh flag flown at gurdwaras Pagri - the turban Panj kakke - the 5 k's worn by initiated Sikhs Other approaches are possible and must be marked according to the levels. If you are unsure of the validity of an answer, it must be sent to review.
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Level 3	6	 three correct descriptions OR two description with one developed OR one description fully developed

7(c)		Explain why the Rahit Maryada is important for Sikhs.	
Question	Number	Indicative content	
7(c)		 The main reasons are: The Rahit Maryada is the official Sikh Code of Conduct The Rahit Maryada was created by the greatest Sikh scholars and theologians and has been accepted as the official version Provides guidelines against which all Sikhs around the world can measure themselves It gives answers to how Sikhs live and worship in their daily lives Answers which are not covered by the mark scheme must be sent to review. Other approaches are possible and must be marked according to the levels. If you are unsure of the validity of an answer, it must be sent to review. 	
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7(d)		'God always answers prayers.' Do you agree? Give reasons for your opinion, showing you have considered another point of view. In your answer, you must refer to Sikhism.
Question I	Number	Indicative content
7(d)		Reasons for supporting this statement could be: Sikhs believe God answers prayers Other Sikh beliefs Examples of answered prayers Reasons for not supporting this statement could be: Someone has prayed and not had the prayer answered People who do not believe in God, therefore, do not pray If you are unsure about the validity of reasons, you must send to review. Answers which do not refer to Sikhism cannot go beyond Level 2.
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8(a)	What is the nit nem?	
Question Number	Answer	Mark
8(a)	Correct answer:	2
	Reciting of the daily prayers	
	The daily prayer book	
	Partially correct answers could be: • Praying	1
	Any alternative wording of the above points is acceptable.	

8(b)		Describe the symbols in the Nishan Sahib.
Question I	Number	Indicative content
8(b)		 The main facts are: On the outside there are two swords to show that Sikhs should serve God by teaching the truth and by fighting for what is right. Then there is a circle which reminds them that God is one, and has no beginning and no end. In the centre is a two edged sword called a khanda. This is the symbol of the power of God. Other approaches are possible and must be marked according to the levels. If you are unsure of the validity of an answer, it must be sent to review.
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Level 1	2	any one correct fact
Level 2	4	two correct facts
Level 3	6	three correct facts

8(c)		Explain why evening prayers are important for Sikhs.	
Question	Number	Indicative content	
8(c)		 The main reasons are: Because all Sikhs, who want to achieve union with God, must reach spiritual liberation Evening prayers give a follower of Sikhism the opportunity to meditate on God's name Evening prayers are used to reflect on how a Sikh can improve their life Evening prayers are an essential part of the diwan (private devotion) Answers which are not covered by the mark scheme must be sent to review. Other approaches are possible and must be marked according to the levels. If you are unsure of the validity of an answer, it must be sent to review. 	
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8(d)		'A true Sikh never drinks alcohol.' Do you agree? Give reasons for your opinion, showing you have	
Ougstion	Maa b a.u	considered another point of view.	
Question Number Indicative content			
8(d)		 Reasons for supporting this statement could be: It is one of the four forbidden activities of the Rahit The Adi Granth (360) says "Why should one who deals in the nectar of God's name develop a love for mere wine?" If they do, they are not allowed to be on the management committee of a gurdwara Reasons for not supporting this statement could be: Others would say that it is permissible in moderation as it is an acceptable social event The Ado Granth says not to love alcohol, it doesn't say don't drink it Answers which are not covered by the mark scheme must be sent to review. If you are unsure about the validity of reasons, you must send to review. 	
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